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Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached replacement sheet of drawings includes changes to FIG. 3. and replaces the original sheet including FIG. 3.

In Figure 3, reference numeral "63a" has been added.

Attachments following last page of this Amendment:

Replacement Sheet (1 page)

REMARKS

Claims 1-6 are pending.

The specification has been amended to correct the informalities noted by the Examiner.

The drawings (FIG. 3) have been amended to include reference sign "63a" which is mentioned in the specification at page 7, line 14. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner approve the proposed drawing amendment.

In the Office action, claims 1-5 were rejected over U.S. Patent No. 5,908,239 (Sugimoto).

Claim 1 has been amended to clarify that the lamp body has a concave portion opened toward a *forward* direction. That feature is disclosed, for example, in FIGS. 2 and 3, and at page 5, lines 10-16 of the specification. No new matter has been added. Claim 1 also recites that the reflector tilting means is coupled to the reflector at a position *behind* the attachment portion. An example of that can be seen in FIG. 3 in which the lamp body is opened toward the forward direction, and the reflector tilting means 80 is coupled to the reflector 60 at a position behind (*i.e.*, further away from the forward direction) the attachment portion 90.

The Sugimoto patent relates to a vehicle headlamp with aiming mechanisms for tilting the reflector relative to the lamp housing. As shown in FIG. 1, the lamp housing is identified by 2 and the reflector is identified by 1. The lamp includes a leveling actuator 6 that includes an actuator body 7, a connecting rod 8 and a ball 9.

The arrangement of the lamp in the Sugimoto patent is significantly different from the claimed subject matter. In particular, the leveling actuator 6 is coupled to the reflector 1 at a position that is *in front of*, not behind, the actuator body. At least for that reason, claim 1, as well as dependent claims 2-5, should be allowed.

New independent claim 6 has been added. Applicant submits that claim 6 also is allowable over the Sugimoto patent for reasons similar to those discussed above.


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